
Intersection Improvement U.S. 6 / S.R. 13 / C.R. 33 in Elkhart County

Indiana Department of Transportation

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018

6 p.m.

Welcome

- Purpose/explanation of public hearing
- Public hearing format
- Visit our sign-in table
- Informational handouts
- Participate during public comment session
- Submit written public comments
- Project display area



U.S. 6 / S.R. 13 / C.R. 33 Intersection Improvement

- **Introduction of INDOT Project Team**
 - Fort Wayne District – INDOT Regional Office
 - Project Management
 - Communications
 - Environmental Services
 - Public Involvement Team
- **Strand Associates, Metric Environmental**
 - Engineering, Design & Environmental Analysis
- **Recognition of elected and local public officials**
 - Sign-in at attendance table to be added to project mailing list
 - Legal notice of public hearing was published in the Goshen News 8/14 & 8/21
 - A notice of the public hearing was mailed to known property owners within project area
 - Announcement of this hearing was posted to INDOT website; media release issued
 - A copy of presentation and project documentation are available for review on-line via INDOT website

Project Stakeholders

- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highway Administration
- Elkhart and Kosciusko Counties
- Elected & local officials
- Residents and citizens
- Commuters
- Businesses
- Emergency services
- Schools
- Churches
- Community Organizations



Project Development



Environmental Analysis Phase

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Requires INDOT to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a proposed project to the natural and socio-economic environments
- NEPA is a decision-making process
 - Purpose and Need
 - Alternatives Screening
 - Preferred Alternative
- **Impacts are analyzed, evaluated and described in an environmental document**
 - What are the impacts this project might have on the community?
 - How can impacts be avoided?
 - Can impacts be minimized?
 - Mitigation for impacts?

Examples of Items Evaluated in Analysis

- Right-of-Way
- Streams, Wetlands, and Other Waters
- Floodplains
- Endangered Species
- Farmland
- Cultural Resources (Historic/Archaeological)
- Parks and Recreational Lands (Trails)
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Impact to residential and commercial properties
- Environmental Justice
- Hazardous Materials
- Permits
- Mitigation

Environmental Analysis Phase

- **Notice of Entry for Survey – June 2017**
 - Letters mailed to properties within general area
 - Describing early project proposal
 - Project personnel in area, may need to enter properties
 - Gather data for environmental analysis
- **Section 106 of National Historic Preservation Act – early 2018**
 - Take into account proposal's impact to historic & archaeological properties
 - The public and consulting parties afforded an opportunity to comment
 - Public notice issued with 30-day comment period
 - Elkhart Truth
 - "No historic properties affected" finding issued by INDOT Cultural Resources Office (CRO) acting on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- **Draft environmental document released for public involvement – August 2018**
 - Available for review at project resource locations

Project Resource Locations

- **INDOT Fort Wayne District Office**

5333 Hatfield Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808

- Planning, Project Development/Delivery, Construction, Maintenance for Northeast Indiana
- <http://www.in.gov/indot/2703.htm>

- **Syracuse Public Library**

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- **INDOT Office of Public Involvement**

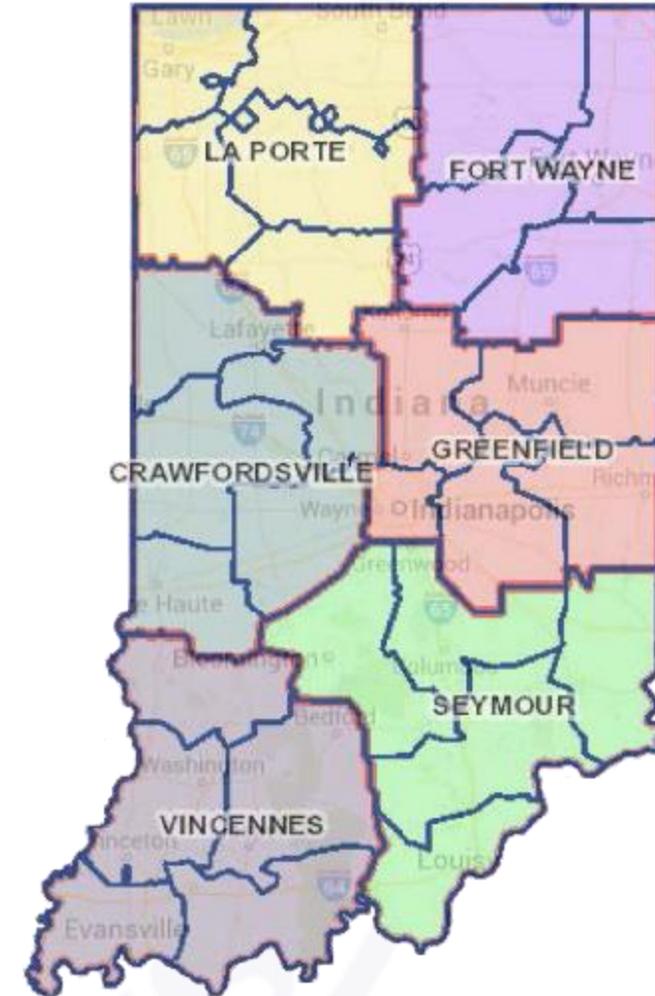
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Intersection Improvement – Purpose and Need

- **Purpose**

- Enhance safety and efficiency at intersection

- **Need**

- Reduce number of high-speed, high-impact traffic accidents at this location

Crash Data

Crash Data for U.S. 6 / S.R. 13 / C.R. 33 Intersection

YEAR	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	Total
Crash with no Injury	4	2	5	5	6	5	4	10	7	48
Non-Incapacitating Injury (# of ppl)	6	1	1	0	2	0	4	0	1	15
Incapacitating Injury	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	8
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Alternatives Considered

- **No Build**
 - Baseline for comparison for build alternatives
 - Does not meet purpose and need, does not enhance safety at intersection
- **Signalized intersection**
 - Requires extensive geometric changes due to the design speeds of the roadways
 - Enhances safety
 - Additional right-of-way required
 - Vehicles would spend more time at intersection (vehicle idling)
 - Wetland impacts
- **Reconfigure intersection into a roundabout**
 - Enhances safety at the intersection
 - Provides significant reduction in number of traffic accidents and in the severity of accidents
 - Enhances mobility within corridor

Existing Intersection



Preferred Alternative – Roundabout



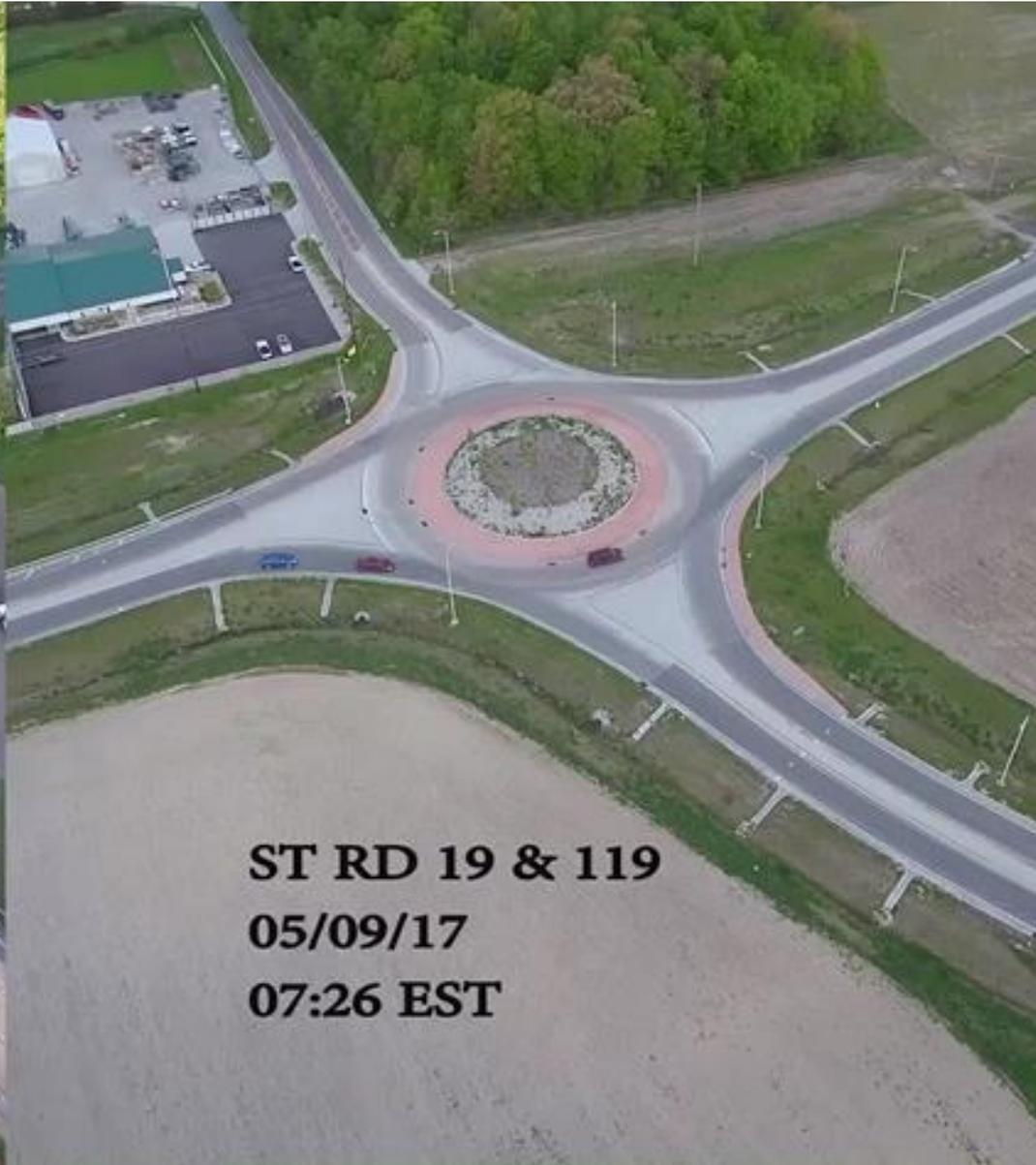
Preferred Alternative – Single Leg



Intersection Comparison



US 6 & 13 South
05/03/17
07:18 EST



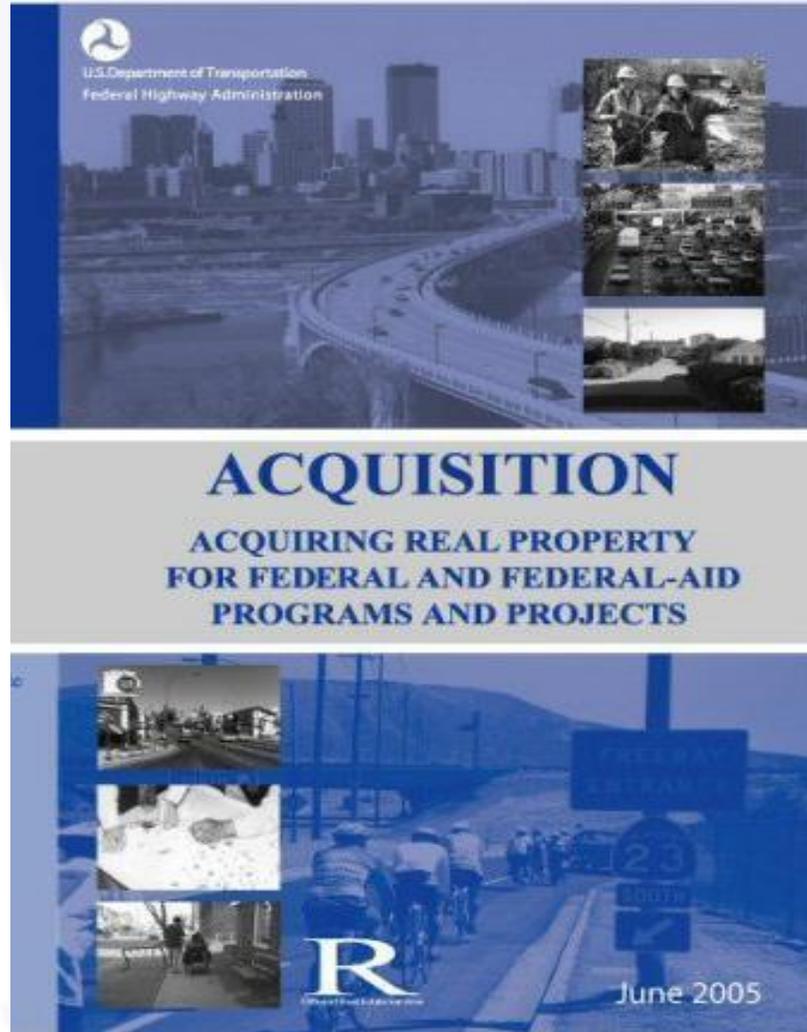
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05/09/17
07:26 EST

Maintenance of Traffic – Runaround



- C.R. 33 and S.R. 13 closed during runaround phase
- U.S. 6 will not include a stop condition
- Posted speed limit of 25 mph
- Detour routes to be determined
- C.R. 29 connector road will be open

Real Estate



Real Estate Acquisition Process

- **"Uniform Act of 1970"**
 - All federal, state and local governments must comply
 - Requires an offer for just compensation
- **Acquisition Process**
 - Appraisals
 - Review Appraisals
 - Negotiations
- **INDOT Real Estate Team to work with impacted property owners**
- **Right-of-Way**
 - Permanent ROW: 0.4 acre
 - Permanent ROW is land, once purchased by INDOT from legal land owner, becomes ROW owned by INDOT
 - Temporary ROW: 0.3 acre
 - Temporary ROW is land required during the construction of a project and is used for the purposes of construction-related activity
 - INDOT pays legal land owner a fee for land use during construction and/or as part of construction-related activities

Project Schedule



Submit Public Comments

- Submit public comments using the options described in first page of information packet:
 - Public Comment Form
 - Via e-mail
 - Participate during public comment session following formal presentation
- **INDOT respectfully requests that comments be submitted by Friday, September 14, 2018**
- All comments submitted will become included in an official public hearings transcript and made part of the public record
- Comments will be reviewed, evaluated and given full consideration during decision-making process

Next Steps

- **Public and project stakeholder input**
 - Submit comments via options described on page 1 of information packet
- **INDOT review and evaluation**
 - All comments given full consideration during decision-making process
 - Finalize/approve environmental document, complete project design
- **Communicate a decision**
 - INDOT will notify project stakeholders of decision
 - Work through local media, social media outlets, paid legal notice
 - Make project documents accessible via repositories
- **Questions? Contact Public Involvement Team**

Thank You

- Please visit with the design team and INDOT project officials following the presentation and Q & A.
- Project Open House
 - Project maps, displays, INDOT project team and informal Q & A
 - INDOT Fort Wayne District page: <http://www.in.gov/indot/2703.htm>

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